

student **Erin Poteat**

6. **Dr. Melissa Balknight**, associate superintendent of academic services for **Gaston County Schools**
7. **Gaston County Schools** athletic director **Chad Duncan** was elected to serve as president of the North Carolina Athletic Directors Association (NCADA) and received the State Award of Merit from the NCADA and NIAAA (National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association).
8. **Dr. Aaron Slutsky**

29. **North Belmont Elementary** teacher **Vanessa Hariston** was featured on the Kenan Fellows Program website. Through a partnership with Cornerstone Building Brands, Hariston designed a lesson for fourth grade students to give them a hands-on understanding of the science behind electromagnetism in STEM workplace settings.
30. The City of Gastonia installed a school pride rock at **Hawks Nest STEAM Academy**.
31. **Page Primary School** held its PTO Spring Carnival, and it was the largest in school history. Student volunteers from **Belmont Middle School**, **South Point High School**, and **Stuart W. Cramer High School** assisted with the carnival, which served as a school fundraiser.
32. The **Pleasant Ridge Elementary** Junior Beta Club is having an American flag fly over the North Carolina State Capitol building in Raleigh on the first day of Teacher Appreciation Week. Later, the flag will be presented to the school.